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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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LAURIE E. BURSTEIN  
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A. LEO MILLER, JR.  
JAMES M. PRICHARD  
JOHN W. TURNER

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, March 9, 2009  
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Laurie Burstein, Peter Charter, Ann Harford, A. Leo Miller, James Prichard, Michael Stupinski and John Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas DiCorleto, Finance Officer; Peter Michaud; Jim Bell, Moser Pilon Nelson Architect; Susan M. Joyse and Kevin Washington of YMCA of Greater Hartford, John L. Reilly, Jim Gage, Mr. and Mrs. Dobrowolski, Karen Neal; Connie Yan, Journal Inquirer Reporter

I. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Stupinski called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:34 p.m.

II. CITIZENS' FORUM:

No citizens came forth to speak.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. February 2, 2009 Special Town Meeting:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (TURNER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009.

B. February 2, 2009 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009.

C. February 23, 2009 Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2009.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

## V. NEW BUSINESS:

## A. Tax Refunds/Abatements:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,676.69 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH. (ATTACHED)

## B. YMCA Ellington Facility Presentation:

Mr. Stupinski introduced Kevin Washington, President and CEO of YMCA of Greater Hartford. Mr. Washington, along with Jim Bell of Moser Pilon Nelson Architects, presented an overview of the proposed Eastern Regional YMCA Youth and Family Center. Mr. Washington noted that the parcel of land that this center will occupy is located on Pinney Street, and is owned by the YMCA. The center will serve 10,000 to 12,000 members, and will include an indoor 8-lane lap swimming pool, a warm water pool, two child-watch areas, aerobics and spinning areas, male, female and family locker areas and a wellness center with exercise equipment. The plan includes 180 parking spaces and allows for expansion of the center in the future. Mr. Washington added that the Ellington community will benefit from this center in several ways including adding jobs to Ellington, creating a sense of community, adding indoor swimming, as well as adding appeal to present residents and future home-buyers. He stated that the Ellington YMCA will be the first and only one located east of the river and is expected to draw members from Ellington, Somers, Tolland, East Windsor, Stafford and South Windsor. The project is expected to cost \$13 million, with a percentage coming from donations from the private sector. The YMCA has already raised \$2 million dollars and once that number reaches \$3 million, ground-breaking on the shovel-ready project can begin.

Ms. Harford asked where the closest YMCA, like the one proposed, is located. Mr. Washington said that the closest centers are in Farmington and Plainville.

Mr. Miller asked if the planned parking is considered to be adequate. Mr. Bell stated that the parking is adequate, and there is additional space to add parking if needed. Mr. Bell said that it is prudent to start with less parking and expand as needed to avoid putting in spaces that are not necessary. Mr. Washington added that the building will be constructed using geothermal technology.

Mr. Turner asked if there will be any space planned for outdoor recreational facilities. Mr. Bell said that the present baseball field will be left intact, and the soccer goals will be moved, but will remain on the premises. He noted that there are no further plans for outdoor space to be developed, but that there is space to make that possible.

Mr. Stupinski thanked the guests from the YMCA and expressed enthusiasm for the project.

## C. Set Public Hearing for Crystal Lake Regatta:

MOVED (CHARTER) SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING CITIZENS TO COMMENT UPON THE APPLICATION OF THE CRYSTAL LAKE SAILING CLUB FOR A REGATTA PERMIT.

D. Offer to Purchase Town-Owned Property – Wheelock Road:

Discussion was held and Mr. Stupinski recommended that this agenda item be deferred until the April BOS meeting to allow more time to gather information; to allow others the opportunity to express an interest, and to look into the possibility of selling the plot through an auction. Mr. Miller suggested that the Town may be able to ask a significantly higher price for this piece of land than what is being offered. He also asked if there is any reason why the Town would have to sell the land now. Mr. Stupinski stated that there is no reason that the Town would have a need to sell the land, although there is also no benefit to the Town to hold onto it either. He pointed out that the price that has been offered is the assessed value of the plot of land, which is deemed unbuildable. Mr. Turner said that it doesn't make sense for the Town to hold onto a small spot of land that is of no use to the Town, when there is an opportunity to sell it. It was agreed that this agenda item will be deferred until April.

E. Grant Permanent Status – Jill Mannise, Administrative Assistant (Finance):

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT PERMANENT STATUS TO JILL MANNISE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 19, 2009, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

F. Grant Permanent Status – Gail Moran, Administrative Clerk (Town Clerk's Office):

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT PERMANENT STATUS TO GAIL MORAN, ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK FOR THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2009, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

G. Grant Permanent Status – John Colonese, Asst. Zoning/Wetlands Enforcement Officer:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT PERMANENT STATUS TO JOHN COLONESE, ASSISTANT ZONING AND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, EFFECTIVE MARCH 9, 2009, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN PLANNER.

H. Grant Permanent Status – Jean Baseel, Asst. to Senior Center Director:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT PERMANENT STATUS TO JEAN BASEEL, ASSISTANT TO THE SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE MARCH 26, 2009, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SR. CENTER DIRECTOR.

I. Detention Basin Maintenance – Establish Official Policy:

Mr. Stupinski presented the Detention Basin Maintenance policy for approval. He acknowledged that there is a typographical error in the second to the last paragraph, changing the word "fails" to "fail". Mr. Miller asked for clarification of the term "earth banking" vs. "embankment". Mr. Stupinski explained that an embankment is the result of earth banking. Mr. Miller asked what actual standards for maintenance will be followed. Mr. Stupinski responded that the standards that will be followed are listed in the Clean Water Act. Mr. Miller noted under the heading Residential, item #3, there should be a comma after the word "Town".

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE POLICY FOR DETENTION BASIN MAINTENANCE, AS SUBMITTED IN THE DRAFT, WITH THE CORRECTIONS NOTED. **(ATTACHED)**

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: So noted.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Personnel Committee:

1. Resignations:

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PETER KORBUSIESKI FROM THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.

2. Recommended Appointments:

MOVED (BURSTEIN), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT WALTER MOODY AND GEORGE NICKERSON TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS TO MARCH 31, 2013.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT ROSARIO MOTISI, AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED VACANT TERM TO JANUARY 31, 2011.

B. Other: None

VIII. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS: None

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Stupinski reported that the Town of Ellington has received a \$45,000 grant from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management Housing for Economic Growth. The next step is to kick off the study portion of the program to make recommendations for going forward.

Mr. Stupinski reported that he went to the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRRA) and he distributed hand-outs from that meeting. Ms. Harford stated that she understands that there is money available in the Open Space and Farm Land Preservation funds.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing personnel appointment and land acquisition.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED [BURSTEIN, CHARTER, HARFORD, PRICHARD AND TURNER VOTED – AYE; MILLER VOTED – NAY] TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:48 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT AND LAND ACQUISITION.

In addition to the BOS, Peter Michaud, former Department of Public Works Director, was also present.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:27 P.M.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT GEORGE FETKO AS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WHO SHALL SERVE FOR AN INDEFINITE TERM AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$90,000. UPON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 90-DAY PROBATION PERIOD, THE ANNUAL SALARY WILL INCREASE TO \$92,500 A YEAR. THE FIRST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE APRIL 6, 2009, OR EARLIER IF POSSIBLE.

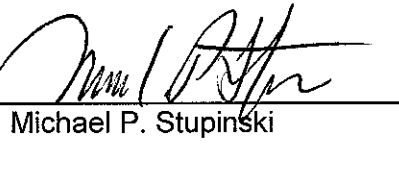
XII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 9:34 P.M.

Submitted by

  
LouAnn Cannella

Approved by

  
Michael P. Stupinski



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**TOWN OF ELLINGTON**

**DETENTION BASIN MAINTENANCE POLICY**

Definition of Detention Basin:

A detention basin is a man-made low area to contain drainage from a property. It controls outflow to obtain zero increase in rate of discharge and permits settling of silt and solids to discharge cleaner water.

Maintenance Requirements:

1. Requires periodic maintenance to remove silt, leaves and debris.
2. May require repairs to structure, earth banking or pipes.

Failure to maintain detention basins will violate the Town's General Permit by which the Town is responsible to implement training, maintenance and control of all discharges to comply with the Clean Water Act.

Residential:

The Developer is given the following choices for residential property:

1. Install basin on lot and require lot owner to maintain.
2. Create a homeowners' association to maintain.
3. Capitalize the cost of maintenance and deposit with Town and the Department of Public Works will provide maintenance.

The Finance Officer establishes/maintains Detention Maintenance Account for deposits made by developers toward town maintenance of detention basins.

The Town shall obtain an easement to permit inspections and maintenance of detention basins in the event those responsible ~~fail~~ to maintain. The Town may claim cost of maintenance from those designated to maintain the detention basins.

Commercial/Industrial/Condominiums:

The owner is responsible for the maintenance of the detention basin.

BOS Approved: \_\_\_\_\_